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Report of the President for the Year 1949

The high point of the year, perhaps, was reached when we changed our name. While looking back with pride on the achievements of the time-honored Audubon Association of the Pacific, we look forward with eagerness and confidence to the new challenges before the Golden Gate Audubon Society.

An outstanding event in our history was the Western Convention of the National Audubon Society, with its branches and affiliates, held at Asilomar in May. This important occasion brought together the various Audubon groups and many other conservation organizations, to our mutual benefit.

This year three of our members were present at the National Audubon Convention in Detroit, an event of great educational and inspirational moment.

We have maintained active contact with conservation groups, such as California Conservation Council, California Garden Clubs, The Sierra Club, Regional Parks Association, and others of local interest.

We have provided a scholarship at the Audubon Nature Camp, sending a Junior Museum Curator, who carries on a very fine work in our midst.

Our energetic field trip committee has expanded these events to at least two trips a month, going ever farther afield in their activities, with increased attendance and satisfaction. Boat trips have also been introduced.

Under the efficient leadership of the program chairman, we have added considerably to our working fund. Two ventures in this new field were, a supper meeting in the beautiful gardens of Dr. and Mrs. Reynolds, and a paid lecture by the Crislers with their superb scenes from the Olympics. Both were highly successful.

Our growth continues. Whereas one year ago we had doubled our membership, today it has more than tripled that of two years ago, now approaching 400.

Our objectives have not changed but broadened. In observing the living bird in its natural environment, we are led into the vital necessity of trying to preserve that environment. We are dedicated to the cause of conservation, giving dignity and meaning to the fascination of bird-watching.

Grateful appreciation is hereby rendered to the faithful officers and committees and all the loyal members who have helped to make our hope a reality. We feel we are well on our way.

Respectfully submitted,

ETHEL E. RICHARDSON

1949 BIRD CENSUS

San Francisco Area December 26, 1949

Arthur H. Myer, Chairman

Territory 1—Marina, Yacht Harbor, Fine Arts, Ft. Mason.
E. A. Mayers, Mr. & Mrs. F. A. Scott, Mr. & Mrs. G. Kilham

Territory 2—McLaren Park, Bayshore, Hunters Point.
H. G. & R. Peterson

Territory 3—Mt. Lake, Lincoln Park, Lands End, Sutro Heights.
A. H. Myer, J. L. Mathis, III, W. Pope

Territory 4—Golden Gate Park, 31st Ave. to Beach, Seal Rocks.
B. C. Cain, Dr. A. Boles, G. Agrella, D. Beeson, A. Haight, J. Wheeler, F. Zogfafos, Jr. & 6 Oakland Boy Scouts

Territory 5—Golden Gate Park, 31st Ave. east to 10th Ave.
J. M. F. Dubois, Minnie H. Young, Marie Sterne

Territory 6—Golden Gate Park, 10th Ave. east, Buena Vista Park.
C. Sather, Mr. & Mrs. O. J. Millard

Territory 7—Lake Merced, Fleishhacker Zoo.
Mr. & Mrs. L. R. Leinbach, Mrs. E. E. Richardson, Miss J. Fay, Miss M. Milwain, Mrs. M. Brown

Territory 8—Twin Peaks, Laguna Honda, Stern Grove, Pinelake.
C. L. Carson, Miss A. Rinehart, Mrs. S. Bozant, Miss P. McCarthy

December 26, 1949. Clear, temp. 44°-58°, wind, W. 6 M.P.H.

Birds Observed By Territories

Species	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	Total
Pacific Loon	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2
Grebe, Holboell	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Horned	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2
Eared	1	—	—	1	—	—	270	—	272
Western	28	11	12	4	—	—	—	—	55
Pied-billed	2	1	2	45	12	—	2	2	66
Pelican, Cal. Brown	6	—	2	48	—	—	—	8	64
Cormorant, Farallone	4	17	234	26	—	—	—	—	311
Brandt	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Heron, Great Blue	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Am. Egret	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
Goose, Canada	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2
Lesser Snow	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Mallard	107	—	56	316	378	22	62	—	941
Baldpate	106	—	14	70	64	—	25	15	294
Pintail	2	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	9
Shoveller	10	—	3	6	—	—	—	—	19
Wood Duck	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Redhead	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Ring-Necked	52	—	—	1	24	1	8	—	86
Canvas-back	94	—	—	10	100	—	4	—	208
Lesser Scaup	5	7	—	4	22	—	30	—	68
Am. Golden-eye	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Scoter, Surf	1	17	16	4	—	—	—	—	38
American	3	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	5
Ruddy	13	14	—	26	30	1	212	1	297
Merganser, Red-breasted	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2
Hawk, Sharp-shinned	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3
Red-tailed	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	4
Sparrow	—	1	1	1	1	—	—	1	5
Quail, California	—	—	31	88	65	37	6	17	244
Rail, Sora	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1

Species	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	Total
Coot	129	—	68	109	127	5	480	56	974
Killdeer	—	—	—	26	2	—	2	—	30
Surf-bird	3	—	—	28	—	—	—	—	31
Black Turnstone	14	—	—	15	—	—	—	—	29
Willet	1	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	26
Greater Yellow-legs	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Western Sandpiper	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Sanderling	2	—	—	—	—	—	300	—	302
Gull: Glaucous-winged	48	35	21	70	209	14	250	—	647
Western	257	55	3	22	—	—	75	—	412
Herring	5	4	—	—	—	2	—	—	11
California	118	12	2	14	58	22	1300	31	1557
Ring-billed	2	10	3	3	—	—	8	—	26
Short-billed	1	—	308	—	—	—	—	—	309
Bonaparte	—	70	—	—	—	—	—	—	70
Heermann	—	12	4	—	—	—	—	—	16
Mourning Dove	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Anna Hummingbird	3	7	10	5	12	2	41	6	86
Belted Kingfisher	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	2
Red-shafted Flicker	1	6	5	1	1	3	8	5	30
Hairy Woodpecker	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Black Phoebe	1	1	3	3	4	—	5	3	20
California Jay	—	—	2	—	—	3	2	—	7
American Raven	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2
Chestnut-bkd. Chickadee	—	—	2	25	61	46	12	15	161
Plain Titmouse	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	6
Bush-tit	—	—	2	—	23	27	4	—	56
Red-breasted Nuthatch	—	—	—	2	7	—	1	—	10
Creeper	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2
Wren-tit	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2
Wren: Winter	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	3
Bewick	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Marsh	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	4
Western Robin	23	1	16	1	27	17	2	—	87
Hermit Thrush	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	2	5
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	—	—	—	2	7	—	—	—	9
Cedar Waxwing	—	—	37	—	10	—	—	—	47
California Shrike	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Hutton Vireo	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Warbler: Audubon	1	14	8	5	10	17	33	—	88
Townsend	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	2
Yellow-throat	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	3
English Sparrow	17	110	2	100	—	4	116	30	379
Western Meadowlark	—	25	11	—	—	—	—	—	36
Brewer Blackbird	174	—	1	150	3	—	—	—	328
Cal. Purple Finch	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	14
House Finch	8	85	20	—	8	—	217	8	346
Pine Siskin	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Green-backed Goldfinch	—	—	—	1	10	—	3	—	14
Spotted Towhee	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	3	7
Oregon Junco	8	55	3	18	24	17	43	25	193
Sparrow: white-crowned	55	65	56	50	173	130	205	75	809
golden-crowned	—	7	1	—	—	7	—	56	71
white-throated	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
fox	3	1	2	2	1	1	6	1	21
song	—	8	3	8	11	5	33	6	74
Savannah	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3
SPECIES	44	35	37	42	35	23	49	25	89
Individuals	1420	710	997	1259	1500	388	3799	372	10402

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February Meeting

The 389th meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be held on February 9th at the Oakland Public Museum, Lake Merritt, Oak Knoll and 14th Streets, at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Kenneth Schulze will give a short account of some experiences with birds in the High Sierras.

Mr. A. Laurence Curl will speak on "Birding in Florida", showing kodachrome slides.

Come to meet the New Officers. Guests will be welcome. No-host dinner at Coit Hotel, 1445 Harrison Street at 6:00 p.m.

HARRY C. ADAMSON,
Program Chairman

February Field Trip

On Sunday, February 12, to the Dumbarton Bridge area and Calaveras Reservoir. Meet in Alvarado at the junction of Rt. 17 and Newark Road at 9:00 a.m. We will look for shore and water birds between Alvarado and Dumbarton Bridge. Later through Niles Canyon to Sunol then to Calaveras Reservoir. Lewis woodpeckers and yellow-billed magpies may be seen. Leader, Dr. T. Eric Reynolds. Those offering or needing transportation call the Curls, AS. 3-10165. Bring lunch, binoculars, telescope, and interested friends.

Special February Field Trip

On Saturday, February 25, to Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. Meet at Spreckles Lake, Fulton at 36th Avenue at 9:00 a.m. Take No. 5 bus. We will visit Spreckles Lake, Chain-of-Lakes, and probably the Cliff House. Bring lunch, binoculars, telescope, and interested friends.

A. LAURENCE CURL, *Chairman*
Field Trips Committee

EXTRA SPECIAL Complimentary showing of color film "PAUL BUNYAN COUNTRY" by Dr. Walter J. Breckenridge, well-known Ornithologist, Artist, Photographer and Director of Minnesota Museum of Natural History. This will be a rare opportunity to enjoy the life of the Minnesota wilderness and a popular "Screen Tour Lecturer." You and your friends are invited. Westlake Junior High School, 2629 Harrison St. near 26th St., Oakland, Friday, February 10, 8 p.m.

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